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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Naoto SANO et al.

Application No.: 09/163,402

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For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND EXPOSURE  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: